

Soddy-Daisy  
Community Library  
2021 Summer Reading  
Recommendations

## Adult

The Soddy-Daisy Community Library is proud to present our 2021 Summer Reading Recommendations.

Some of these selections are recent, while others have been around for some time. We encourage you to step out of your normal reading genres and try something new. Look these books up online for more thorough descriptions - you may just find your next favorite book!

These books were chosen by a panel of librarians, educators and book industry professionals, and represent a diverse cross-section of interests so there is something appealing here for every reader.

And be sure to join us for our Epic Night of Literacy and Movie in the Park Night, September 18, 2021!

Happy Reading!

### Classics

#### ***Watership Down***

by Richard Adams  
A group of wild rabbits struggles to find their place in the world.

#### ***The Cider House Rules***

by John Irving  
Doctor founds an orphanage in rural Maine in the early 20th century.

#### ***Beloved***

by Toni Morrison  
An escaped slave cannot outrun her memories, or the ghost of her dead baby.

#### ***Treasure Island***

by Robert Louis Stevenson  
Adventure novel about buccaneers and buried gold.

#### ***Dracula***

by Bram Stoker  
Gothic horror novel introducing the iconic vampire, Count Dracula.

### Realistic Fiction

#### ***Only Time Will Tell***

by Jeffrey Archer  
The heartbreak and triumph of a family across generations and oceans.

#### ***Midwives***

by Chris Bohjalian  
A midwife faces murder charges when a mother dies in childbirth, and its impact on the community.

#### ***The Boy from the Woods***

by Harlan Coben  
A man with a mysterious past must find a missing teenage girl.

#### ***Have You Seen Luis Velez?***

by Catherine Ryan Hyde  
Young man assists elderly lady and brings families together.

#### ***An American Marriage***

by Tayari Jones  
A deeply insightful love story looking into the hearts and minds of three people who are bound and separated by forces beyond their control.

#### ***When We Believed in Mermaids***

by Barbara O'Neal  
Emotional tale of two sisters, an ocean of lies, and a search for the truth.

#### ***There, There***

by Tommy Orange  
12 characters come together and tell the plight of the urban Native American.

#### ***In an Instant***

by Suzanne Redfearn  
Deeply moving story of carrying on even when it seems impossible.

#### ***Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind***

by Ann B. Ross  
Recently bereaved and newly wealthy widow speaks her mind in true "Steel Magnolia" fashion.

#### ***Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood***

by Rebecca Wells  
Moving and funny novel about the complex bonds of mother and daughter.

## **Historical Fiction**

### ***The Mystery of Mrs. Christie***

by Marie Benedict

Fictional account of Agatha Christie's disappearance for 11 days.

### ***The Woman with the Blue Star***

by Pam Jenoff

A story of courage and unlikely friendship during World War II.

### ***The Exiles***

by Christina Baker Kline

3 women in 19th century Australia weather hardships and fight for redemption and freedom.

### ***Finding Dorothy***

by Elizabeth Letts

The story behind the book and film of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* through the eyes of L. Frank Baum's intrepid wife, Maud.

### ***Girl in Disguise***

by Greer Macallister

Kate Warne becomes the first female detective in 1856 and

uncovers the plot to kill President Lincoln.

### ***Stalking Jack the Ripper***

by Kerri Maniscalco

A girl leading a secret life studying forensic medicine investigates the original serial killer.

### ***The Lost Apothecary***

by Sarah Penner

Women in 18th century London use poisons against the oppressive men in their lives.

### ***The Rose Code***

by Kate Quinn

Story of 3 female code breakers and the spy they must root out after the war.

### ***All the Ways We Said***

#### ***Goodbye***

by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, & Karen White

3 women in 3 different eras find refuge at Paris' legendary Ritz hotel.

## **Fantasy / SciFi**

### ***The Hollow Kingdom***

by Kira Jane Buxton

Romp through the apocalypse, where a foul-mouthed crow is humanity's only chance to survive Seattle's zombie problem.

### ***The Wayfarer Redemption***

by Sara Douglass

The end of their world is near, can one woman battle an evil lord and his ice demons to save them all?

### ***The Midnight Library***

by Matt Haig

Between life and death is a library that provides a chance to try another life you could have lived.

### ***Tigana***

by Guy Gavriel Kay

Beleaguered land and people so cursed by black sorcery that even their country's name cannot be spoken.

### ***The Night Circus***

by Erin Morgenstern

Two star-crossed magicians engage in a deadly game.

### ***Creepers***

by David Morrell

Five people break into an abandoned hotel unprepared for the danger, terror, and death waiting.

### ***The Dragon Prince***

by Melanie Rawn

Fantasy world replete with dragons, power games of magical treachery, and pryncedoms on the brink of war. Perfect for GOT fans!

### ***Legion***

by Brandon Sanderson

Stephen Leads' mind creates hallucinatory people that help him solve crimes.

### ***A Darker Shade of Magic***

by V.E. Schwab

Only a very few can travel between parallel Londons - and bring magic through!

### ***Scythe***

by Neal Shusterman

When illness and death are wiped out on Earth, it is up to Scythes to choose who lives and who dies.

## **Mystery/Thriller**

### ***Open Season***

by C.J. Box

Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett finds local outfitters dead and must solve their murders.

### ***Watch Me Disappear***

by Janelle Brown

The disappearance of a beautiful, charismatic mother leaves her family to piece together her secrets.

### ***The Plot is Murder***

by V.M. Burns

Before customers can browse the new mystery bookshop, the owner becomes a murder suspect. <cozy mystery>

### ***The Last Sister***

by Kendra Elliott

Three sisters collide when a murder reminiscent of their father's death happens.

### ***Them Bones***

by Carolyn Haines

An unconventional Southern belle with a knack for

uncovering the truth becomes a sought-after detective.

### ***Beaches, Bungalows, and Burglars***

by Tanya Kappes

After her husband is arrested for fraud, Mae is left with a campground in Normal, KY, where normal seldom happens. <cozy mystery>

### ***The Sanatorium***

by Sarah Pearse

An isolated hotel in the Swiss Alps where you won't want to leave...until you can't.

### ***Relic***

by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Savage murders in the NY Museum of Natural History can only be solved by a Sherlock-style detective.

### ***Vanishing Girls***

by Lisa Regan

Detective Josie Quinn desperately chases a killer hidden within her close-knit town before they claim another victim.

## **Biography**

### ***I'll Always Write Back***

by Caitlin Alifrenka

True story of an all-American girl and a boy from Zimbabwe and the letter that changed both of their lives forever.

### ***Hill Women: Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains***

by Cassie Chambers

After rising from poverty to earn two Ivy League degrees, an Appalachian lawyer pays tribute to the strong "hill women" who raised and inspired her, and whose values have the potential to rejuvenate a struggling region.

### ***Craig & Fred: A Marine, A Stray Dog, and How They Rescued Each Other***

by Craig Grossi

They found each other on an Afghan battlefield, and now travel America "spreading the message of stubborn positivity".

### ***Me & Patsy Kickin' Up Dust***

by Loretta Lynn

The inspiring, never-before-told story of the remarkable relationship between country music icons Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn.

### ***The Red Bandana***

by Tom Rinaldi

The story of Welles Crowther, whose actions on 9/11 offer a lasting lesson on character, calling, and courage.

### ***The Glass Castle***

by Jeannette Walls

Remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a dysfunctional yet uniquely vibrant family.

### ***Forty Autumns***

by Nina Willner

The true story of a family, five women separated by the Iron Curtain for more than forty years, and their miraculous reunion after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

## Non-Fiction

### ***Boundaries: When to Say Yes, When to Say No to Take Control of Your Life***

by Henry Cloud & John Townsend  
The title says it all.

### ***High Achiever***

by Tiffany Jenkins

An up-close portrait of the mind of an addict and a life unraveled by narcotics that puts a face on the opioid crisis.

### ***The Sixth Extinction***

by Elizabeth Kolbert

A book about the future of the world, blending intellectual and natural history and field reporting into a powerful account of the mass extinction unfolding before our eyes.

### ***The Splendid and the Vile***

by Eric Larson

An intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz - an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis.

### ***Why Did the Chicken Cross the World? The Epic Saga of the Bird That Powers Civilization***

by Andrew Lawler

From ancient empires to modern economics, Lawler delivers a sweeping history of the animal that has been crucial to the spread of civilization across the globe.

### ***The Soul of America***

by Jon Meacham

Meacham helps us understand the current climate of partisan fury by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear.

### ***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You***

by Jason Reynolds

The history of racism and the narratives that have been used to justify slavery, oppression, and genocide.

### ***Southern Folks & Miz Lena***

by Bill Stamps

Stories of Southern upbringing by Chattanooga's very own reporter, Bill Stamps.

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